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MEDIA RELEASE

\$5.8 million in Marijuana seized – 5 men charged

Five men have been arrested and charged after they were allegedly found with 98 kilogrammes of marijuana off the south-western coast of Tobago. The seized marijuana has an estimated street value of \$5.8 million.

SEON TOUREAN CHARLES, DESMOND ‘SON’ PAVY, JOVEL ESPINOZA, THEODORE BAILEY, and HUSAYN SUDAN AL-FAYED appeared virtually before the Scarborough Magistrates’ Court on December 22nd, 2020, for possession of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking.

ESPINOZA and **PAVY** have been remanded into custody while **BAILEY, CHARLES** and **AL-FAYED** were each granted bail in the sum of \$500,000 and must report to the St. Joseph Police Station every Wednesday.

The men were arrested after the Special Investigations Unit and Scarborough Divisional Task Force, in a joint effort with the Coast Guard, responded to information about a suspicious vessel adrift on the south-western coast of Tobago.

While attempting to intercept the vessel, the Coast Guard crew observed the men throwing several crocus bags into the water. The bags were retrieved and checks revealed packages of various shapes and sizes which, when investigated, contained the plant like substance, marijuana.

The matter has been postponed to January 5th 2021.

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